

Election of Claims:

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system for anchoring a device to a lesion in the vasculature of a patient, which comprises:

a flexible member defining an axis and having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said outer surface is formed with a plurality of solid integral protuberances seamlessly interconnected therewith to project radially outwardly therefrom;

a means for moving said member between a first configuration wherein said member is collapsed onto the axis and a second configuration wherein said member is made substantially rigid; and

a cutting initiator formed on each said protuberance for penetrating said protuberances into the lesion and for anchoring the device to the lesion.

2. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said member is tubular-shaped and has a first end and a second end, said system further comprising:

a first flexible enclosure integrally attached to said first end of said member and extending away therefrom in an axial direction; and

a second flexible enclosure integrally attached to said second end of said member and extending away therefrom in an axial direction, wherein said first enclosure and said second enclosure, in combination with said member, establish an inflatable balloon for the system.

3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 further comprising an inflatable balloon with said inner surface of said member bonded to said balloon for movement from the first configuration to the second configuration in response to an inflation of said balloon and for movement from the second configuration to the first configuration in response to a deflation of said balloon.

4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 3 wherein said member is ultrasonically bonded to said balloon.

5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for moving said member between the first configuration and the second configuration comprises a fluid pump.

6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said protuberances are a plurality of raised ridges with said ridges oriented substantially parallel to the axis.

7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6 wherein each said ridge extends radially to an edge that is aligned substantially parallel to the axis.

8. (Withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said protuberances are a plurality of bumps.

9. (Withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 8 wherein said bumps are randomly arranged on said outer surface of said member.

10. (Original) A system as recited in claim 1 wherein said member and said protuberances are made of a same selected material.

11. (Previously Presently) A system for anchoring a device to a lesion in the vasculature of a patient, which comprises:

a flexible member defining an axis and having an inner surface and an outer surface, with said member having a plurality of solid protuberances projecting radially outward from said outer surface, wherein said member and said protuberances are seamlessly interconnected and are made of a same selected material;

a means for moving said member between a first configuration, wherein said member is collapsed onto the axis, and a second configuration, wherein said member is substantially rigid and is distanced from the axis;

a cutting initiator formed on each said protuberance for penetrating said protuberances into the lesion; and

a means for projecting said protuberances radially away from the axis to penetrate said protuberances into the lesion and anchor the device to the lesion.

12. (Original) A system as recited in claim 11 wherein the selected material is polyethylene terephthalate (PET).

13. (Original) A system as recited in claim 11 wherein said protuberances are a plurality of raised ridges with each said ridge extending to an edge that is aligned substantially parallel to the axis.

Claims 14-31 (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) A system for anchoring a device to a lesion in the vasculature of a patient, which comprises:

a tubular-shaped flexible member having a first end and a second end and defining an axis, said member having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said outer surface is formed with a plurality of solid integral protuberances seamlessly interconnected therewith to project radially outwardly therefrom;

a first flexible enclosure integrally attached to said first end and extending away therefrom in an axial direction;

a second flexible enclosure integrally attached to said second end and extending away therefrom in an axial direction, wherein said first enclosure and said second enclosure, in combination with said member, establish an inflatable balloon for the system;

a means for moving said member between a first configuration wherein said member is collapsed onto the axis and a second configuration wherein said member is made substantially rigid; and

a means for embedding said protuberances into the lesion and for anchoring the device to the lesion.

33. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said means for moving said member between the first configuration and the second configuration comprises a fluid pump.

34. (Withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 32 wherein said protuberances are a plurality of bumps.

35. (Withdrawn) A system as recited in claim 34 wherein said bumps are randomly arranged on said outer surface of said member.

36. (Previously Presented) A system for anchoring a device to a lesion in the vasculature of a patient, which comprises:

a flexible member defining an axis and having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein said outer surface is formed with a plurality of solid integral protuberances seamlessly interconnected therewith to project radially outwardly therefrom, said protuberances being a plurality of raised ridges with said ridges oriented substantially parallel to the axis;

a means for moving said member between a first configuration wherein said member is collapsed onto the axis and a second configuration wherein said member is made substantially rigid; and

a means for embedding said protuberances into the lesion and for anchoring the device to the lesion.

37. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36 wherein each said ridge extends radially to an edge that is aligned substantially parallel to the axis.

38. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36 further comprising an inflatable balloon with said inner surface of said member bonded to said balloon for movement from the first configuration to the second configuration in response to an inflation of said balloon and for movement from the second configuration to the first configuration in response to a deflation of said balloon.

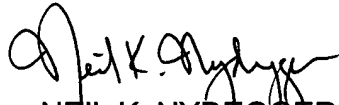
39. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 38 wherein said member is ultrasonically bonded to said balloon.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims to be submitted, with amendments, in the Preliminary Amendment, are not distinct and the entire Application can be examined without serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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